

nor more than fifteen days preceding the first day, on which such election was to be held, but on the contrary, gave only, one day's notice thereof, within the parishes of *Saint Joseph* and *Saint François*, the former being the place of election as aforesaid, and the latter, distant therefrom four leagues; by which means, upwards of one thousand electors of and in the said County of *Dorchester*, have been deprived of their undoubted and inestimable right of voting at the election of Members, to represent them in the present Provincial Parliament. That a poll was opened at the request of the said Candidates, on the said twenty-third day of October, now last past, at the parish of *Saint Joseph, Nouvelle Beauce*, and was afterwards closed on the same day, by the said *Jean Bte. Demers*, during the temporary absence of the said petitioner, *John Caldwell*, without his consent, or the consent of any person or persons authorised to represent him, and without having held the said poll open eight hours, at the least, between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning, and six o'clock in the evening, as by Law required.—And the said petitioners further represent, that the petitioner, *John Caldwell*, on the said twenty third of October last, finding but few persons at the place of election, and that those few had given their votes, demanded an adjournment of the poll to the second place of election, *to wit*, at *Point Levi*, which was refused him; and it was then agreed by and between the said *Jean Thomas Taschereau*, *Pierre Langlois*, and the petitioner, *John Caldwell*, in the presence of the said *Jean Baptiste Demers*, that the said poll should be held open until six o'clock in the evening, of the said twenty third day of October, and during the three ensuing days, as by law directed, previous to the said poll being opened at the second place of election, *to wit*, at *Point Levi*; nevertheless that the said poll was closed as aforesaid, during the temporary absence of the said *John Caldwell*, without his consent, or the consent of any person authorised to represent him, before the hour of six o'clock in the evening, of the same day, *to wit*: about the hour of two in the afternoon, and the said *Jean Thomas Taschereau* and *Pierre Langlois*, were proclaimed duly elected.—That the said petitioners humbly conceive, that the election of the said *Jean Thomas Taschereau* and *Pierre Langlois*, for the causes aforesaid, is null and void.—Wherefore the said petitioners humbly pray, that the House may be pleased to take their present petition into
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